

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/605,056

Applicant(s)

Koyama et al.

Examiner
Michael Colaanni

Group Art Unit
1731

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Michael Colaanni

(3) _____

(2) Carl Schaukowitch

(4) _____

Date of Interview Jan 28, 2002

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1

Identification of prior art discussed:
Ono et al. 5430904

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Mr. Schaukowitch and Examiner Colaanni discussed the last rejection. Examiner Colaanni explained that what is needed is added structure to define over the Ono et al. reference. Specifically, it was discussed adding the structure of applicant's device that limits axial movement of the tape winding portion. Ono et al. uses a spring to limit axial movement, while applicant's have a different structure that should be claimed. The Examiner agreed that the structure necessary to eliminate the spring should be added to the claims. Mr. Schaukowitch agreed to discuss the amendment with the applicants.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached


MICHAEL COLAIANNI
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.